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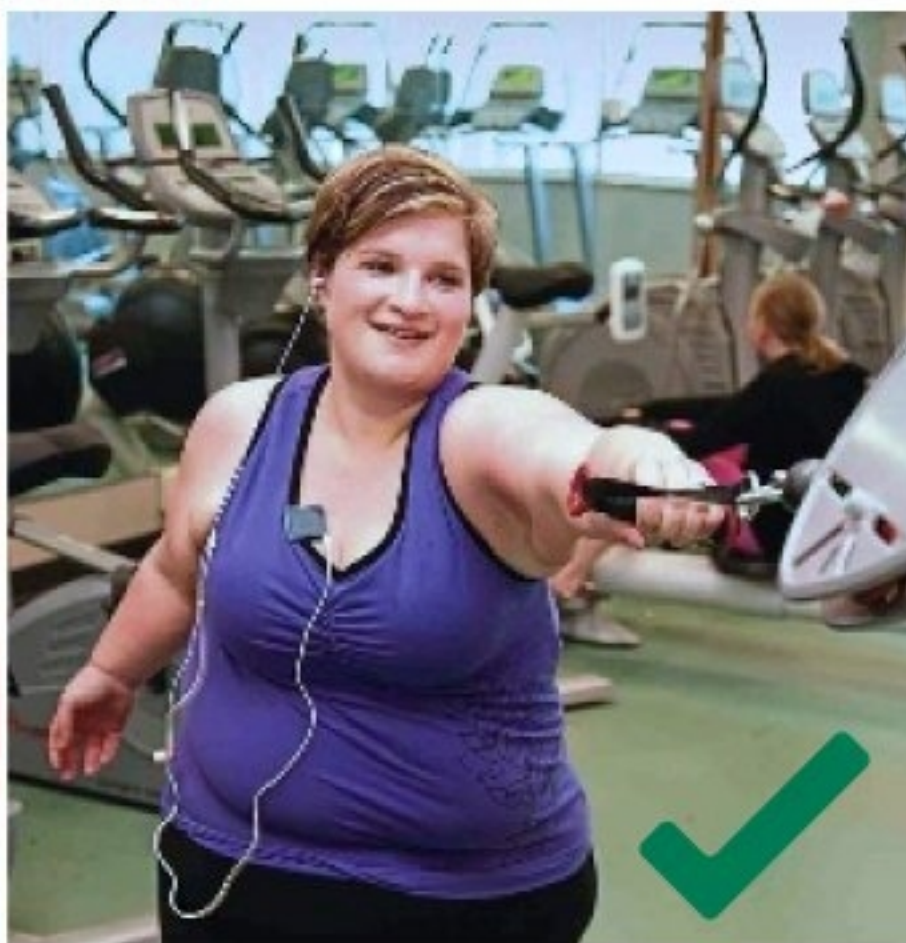
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Far more support for public schools than Catholic

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out based on
enrolment**

 **Kevin
Maimann**
Metro|Edmonton

Non-Catholics are subsidizing Alberta's Catholic schools more than they might realize, according to data obtained by an Edmonton parents' group.

Albertan Parents for Un-biased Public Inclusive Learning (APUPIL) shared numbers Wednesday, obtained through a FOIP request, showing taxpayers overwhelmingly ticked off on their tax forms that they support public schools rather than Catholic.

But while many are under the impression their dollars go directly to the school district they check off, the funds are

actually pooled provincially and distributed to schools based on enrolment.

"We were constantly told that Catholics paid for Catholic education. And that didn't seem to add up," said APUPIL spokesperson Luke Fevin.

The numbers show roughly \$1.9 billion of property taxes collected in 2014-15 were from taxpayers who chose to support public, versus \$214 million from those supporting Catholic.

That works out to roughly \$4,000 per public student and \$1,400 per Catholic student. With more than 158,000 Catholic students in Alberta, that shortfall equates to about \$418 million.

In Edmonton, roughly one-third of students attend Catholic schools but just 17 per cent of property tax filers checked off that they support Edmonton Catholic — which may signal an overwhelming number of taxpayers without kids preferring public schools.

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DOWNTOWN

Long-awaited tower in Ice District opens



Matt Kieltyka
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The first long-awaited tower in the Ice District is now officially open.

Edmonton Tower, a 27-storey, mixed-use building at 101 Street and 104 Avenue, opened its doors Wednesday, signaling a new



The opening of Edmonton Tower is a significant milestone.

Glen Scott

phase for the city-changing development around Rogers Place.

"The opening of Edmonton Tower is a significant milestone for Ice District as the project continues its revitalization of downtown Edmonton," Glen Scott, Katz Group vice president, said in a statement.

The tower features office, retail and dining spaces and is targeting LEED Gold environmental certification.

The City of Edmonton has already taken up residence in the building and will soon open its service centre on the second floor.

Other tenants include Kids & Company, RBC Dominion Securities and Sorrell Financial.

And, yes, a Tim Hortons is also on the way.

COURT

Vader to be eligible for short-term absences

A man sentenced to life in prison last month for killing two missing Alberta seniors will be eligible for unescorted temporary absences on March 13.

Travis Vader was convicted on Jan. 25 of two counts of manslaughter in the deaths of Lyle and Marie McCann, who disappeared in 2010 after leaving their Edmonton-area home to go camping in British Columbia.

The Parole Board of Canada says Vader has not applied for unescorted temporary absences and such applications can take

about five months to process.

The board would consider sentencing comments made by the judge, a report from the Correctional Service of Canada and a review of Vader's criminal record.

The McCann family would also have the right to submit a statement to the parole board about how the crime has affected them.

Gary Sears, a parole board spokesman, says the main consideration in any parole application is public safety.

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Bridging the gender gap in science class

EDUCATION

Annual event gives Grade 6 students a taste of the lab



Pushpa Balgobin
For Metro | Edmonton

Clad in a white lab coat, 11-year-old Zoe Welch gestures to the university chemistry lab around her.

"Even the sinks in science are cool," she said.

Welch was one of the 600 Grade 6 girls taking part in an annual conference put on by the University of Alberta chapter of Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology (WISEST) on Wednesday.

Over two days of labs and workshops—including a Nancy Drew-style forensic investigation and a 3D printing workshop—organizers hope to get girls interested in a future in the sciences, fields still dominated by men.

Co-ordinator Fervone Goings said that girls sometimes face unique challenges, like a lack of self-confidence, but early exposure to science helps.

The workshops aim to create a space where girls can share their ideas and gain exposure to science, engineering and technology at a young age.



Keltie Purvis, Angela Kang, Zoe Welch and Maya Lukic all took part in the WISEST conference at the University of Alberta Wednesday. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

"Through hands-on activities they are able to learn, through doing those activities," Goings said. "Engineering, chemistry, it's a whole spectrum. Something will resonate with them."

According to numbers from Statistics Canada, in 2011 women accounted for under a quarter of computer and information systems professionals, and just 12.8 per cent of civil, mechanical, electrical, and chemical engineers.

WISEST has been trying to

bridge that gap since 1991.

While there is work to be done to address the gender equality, Goings said approximately 85 per cent of students who partake in WISEST's six-week high school paid work experience program then enter a science-related field at post secondary school.

Welch, who attends Edmonton's Holyrood Elementary School, enjoyed the experience of working in a lab.

"I liked the DNA part, it was

cool," she said. "This is really going to prepare us. It's a sneak peek at the possibilities, if you wanted to be an engineer, a chemist."

Sixth grader Maya Lukic is already looking forward to more.

"It's an experience, not everyday in school is like this," she said. "(It's) showing us what it's going to be like ... at university and how it's going to be to be in science or chemistry or engineering."

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Supervised injection sites revealed

CRISIS RESPONSE

Facilities will be clustered in McCauley community



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's first four supervised injection sites were announced Wednesday.

Access to Medically Supervised Injection Services Edmonton (AMSISE) announced three locations in existing inner-city community agencies — Boyle Street Community Services, the Boyle McCauley Health Centre and the George Spady Centre — and a service for inpatients at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

The facilities could open within a year, following community engagement and a sustainability proposal. The inner-city sites will be open at different hours to provide round-the-clock service.

Many who work with opioid users say the facilities are long overdue.

"We have seen such an increase (in overdoses). It has been tragic and heartbreaking," said Marliss Taylor, program manager at Streetworks needle exchange.

"We're affected many days by people that we know that

have passed away, and we just think it may not have had to be that way. So this will help us in a big way to manage that."

The province provided \$230,000 in funding last October for the facilities, in response to rising overdose deaths linked to fentanyl and other opioids.

The sites were selected based on a 2014 survey led by Dr. Elaine Hyshka with the University of Alberta's school of public health, who is also a member of AMSISE.

Of 320 people surveyed, 80 per cent said they had injected in public, 23 per cent had overdosed, 17 per cent had borrowed used syringes, and 91 per cent said they would be willing to use supervised injection services.

Hyshka said 65 per cent of people openly using drugs in Edmonton's inner city are injecting opioids.

Not everyone is happy with the locations announced Wednesday, however.

McCauley resident Dan Glugosh, who has found needles lying around neighbourhood parks, said he supports the sites but that putting three in the same neighbourhood is excessive and residents were not consulted.

"Why all in the same community? I have a family here. We need to spread it out, and this is not doing it," Glugosh said. "It's always in the same area. It's frustrating."

MAPPED | Safe Injection Sites

1 Royal Alexandra Hospital

2 Boyle McCauley Health Centre

3 The George Spady Centre

4 Boyle Street Community Services



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CLOSER LOOK | INSIDE THE SITES

More than injections

Each site will have three rooms; a waiting and intake space, a supervised injection room, and a monitoring room where staff can offer immediate assistance and connect them with resources. Users will be

offered sterile injection supplies, care for wounds and infections, help finding shelter, food and clothing, links to recovery and mental health treatment, and education on safer injection, overdose prevention and intervention. METRO

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Showing obesity's other side

CAMPAIGN

Image bank offers media alternative to stereotypes



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Obesity is not as seen on TV.

It's a chronic disease caused by a patchwork of risk factors — including genetics and socio-economic status — that affects millions of people, according to Dr. Arya Sharma, the Edmonton-based scientific director of the Canadian Obesity Network.

Which is why the network is launching a new campaign to call out what Sharma dubs the "shame and blame" depictions of obesity used in the media.

"It's a very stereotypical portrayal of obesity that, in general, is not true," Sharma said of the unflattering close-ups of stomachs or shots of obese people secretly filmed in a crowd, their faces purposely not shown, often seen



Image from Canadian Obesity Network's positive image bank. COURTESY CANADIAN OBESITY NETWORK

in TV newscasts and newspaper stories.

He added that these images are harmful because they make people less likely to seek help.

"The typical images you see in the media are promoting the notion of what obesity is ... a question of choice or that obese people are doing this to

themselves. Even if you read a story in the newspaper that says one thing, the images are often telling a very different story," he said.

To combat the recurring negative images, the network has launched an image bank of more positive stock photography for media to use.

The images feature families interacting with each other, people working out and doing everyday things.

All show the subjects' faces, a choice that departs from the anonymous, voyeuristic shots seen on newsreels, Sharma said.

Realistic portrayals of obes-

ity are key to fighting stigma, according to advocate Connie Levitsky.

She made headlines last year when she was fired from her plus-size retail job for writing an online post about her experience helping "fat ladies," like herself, find clothing.

Now a public engagement co-ordinator at the network, Levitsky remains unapologetic for trying to normalize the word "fat," and by extension, the experience of being obese.

That includes pushing for more realistic images, she said.

"A lot of stock images and portrayals ignore a lot of the socio-economic factors at play into why people become overweight, as well as the biological ones," she told Metro.

She pointed out that when stories talk about other diseases, they illustrate them with photos that show people's faces and tell their personal stories.

"Some people are just fat, and there's honestly nothing wrong with that," she said.

"It's important for us to show people that it's possible to live happy, healthy, fulfilling lives — and still be fat."

CHILD DEATHS

Panel can't get answers

Members of an Alberta legislature panel investigating deaths of children in government care say the committee will be ineffective unless it starts getting candid answers.

Greg Clark, leader of the Alberta party, says it's becoming clear child-care workers don't feel they can speak out publicly to the all-party committee.

"What I think we saw evidence of is a culture of fear," Clark said during a break in a committee meeting Wednesday. "I don't want to be in a position of cross-examining anyone and making them feel uncomfortable, but there's some essential questions that need answers."

Child intervention workers Russ Pickford and Gillian Colquhoun outlined how there can be between five and nine separate reviews stretching over years when a child dies in government care but repeatedly deflected or declined to answer questions Wednesday about how they felt the system could be improved.

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Rod MacDonald shows off items he has been posting online to trade for coffees, at his home in Ottawa. JUSTIN TANG/FOR METRO

Brewing up a fair trade

OTTAWA

The MacDonalds trade their old for stuff for java — and more

Alex Parsons
For Metro | Ottawa

Cost of two medium Tim Horton's coffees: \$3.58. Value of potential return, in cool old stuff and the company of an nice elderly couple: Priceless.

Rod and Marguerite MacDonald are retired federal government workers who have been trading old, kitschy wares for cups of Joe, conversation and, occasionally, food. "It's almost a cashless society now," Rod MacDonald said. "Older people have money in their pocket, younger people don't. I think the barter economy has come on."

He said the whole thing started when they began renovating their house in early February and were pulling things out of storage. Marguerite put an ad on the "free stuff" section of Kijiji: "Could you bring my hubby and I a coffee?"

"That day we had four people coming over, bringing us coffee, and they got great value for a coffee," MacDonald said.

"After three or four cof-

fees, my stomach was a little upset — you know, rumbling away — so I said, 'Honey, let's change it to a Big Mac,' and before you know it, I had a Big Mac delivered at 4:30."

Among the items that have been offered up so far are historical pictures, including one of a shelled French village from World War I, an aerial view of Parliament Hill from the 1950s and a painting of the Rideau Canal done by one of MacDonald's brothers.

The couple also advertised "a bunch of 50 year old stamps" and a variety of other collectibles. "Remnants from garage sales," Rod calls them.

While he's most interested in bartering, Rod sometimes also sells. As an avid coin collector, he often deals within that community. When he sells, he said, the money goes towards helping out his family.

"We have a pension, but with growing children there's costs for family, and there's people in your family that if you have money you should help as well," MacDonald said. "My wife's sister is disabled, and so is my brother. So some of the money goes towards them if we do sales, and some we keep ourselves."

He said he still has many things to give away, but likes to group items together before posting ads to give people a variety of things to choose from.

IRAQ

Yazidis rejoice over promise of refuge

Canada's promise to resettle hundreds of Yazidis by the end of the year is being welcomed in Iraq, where Yazidi women and girls have endured horrific abuse and persecution at the hands of Daesh.

Among those who have greeted the news with open arms is Saud Khalid, who was kidnapped by Daesh in August 2014 and sold as a sex slave three times before escaping after a year in captivity.

UN officials recently inter-

viewed the 23-year-old about going to Canada, and she's hoping she and her young son will be among the 1,200 Yazidis and other Daesh survivors accepted by the Liberal government.

"If they take me to Canada, I will never come back," she said through a translator on Wednesday. "And my hope is if my relatives still being held by Daesh, if they escape, I want them to also join me in Canada." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Daesh survivors Suham Haji, left, Samira Hasan, centre, and Saud Khalid in a women's treatment centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Liberals defend new border deal

TRAVEL

Opposition says bill fails to take Trump into account

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau defended his government's proposed legislation to expand border preclearance at Canadian airports and other crossings Wednesday as the opposition New Democrats pushed to stop the bill in its tracks.

The NDP argued the bill doesn't take into account what it called "the climate of uncertainty at the border" created by the Trump administration's immigration policies.

But Trudeau suggested it's better to be cleared for entry into the United States while in Canada, because travellers are protected under the Canadian charter of rights, as opposed to American laws.

Bill C-23, the Preclearance Act, came up for second read-

ing in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Introduced by Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale last June, it would replace and expand provisions of the Air Transport Preclearance Agreement signed between Canada and the United States in 2001.



We have serious concerns about these new powers being given to American agents.

Matthew Dube

The two countries signed a new agreement in 2015 to expand border clearance. Proponents say measures included in the bill will speed the flow of people and goods across the border.

Under preclearance, travellers don't have to pass through customs in the U.S. because they've already done so before departing

Canada.

Critics have concerns about the legislation, arguing that it would lead to the erosion of rights of people travelling both to the United States and Canada.

The bill "does not address Canadians' concerns about being interrogated, detained and turned back at the border based on race, religion, travel history or birthplace as a result of policies that may contravene the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms," NDP public-safety critic Matthew Dube said in putting forward a motion that could effectively kill the bill.

"What we're seeing right now is a reality where people are being discriminated against at the border," Dube told reporters.

Dube cited the example of a Vancouver man who said he was turned away from a border crossing after a U.S. Customs and Border Patrol officer scoured his cellphone for recent messages.

The officer suspected the man was a sex worker based on one email, the man reportedly told Daily Xtra. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ASTRONOMY

Discovered: seven worlds, and some could support life

For the first time, astronomers have discovered seven Earth-size planets orbiting a single nearby star — and these new worlds could hold life.

This cluster of planets is less than 40 light-years from Earth, or 235 trillion miles away, in the constellation Aquarius, according to NASA and the Belgian-led research team who announced the discovery Wednesday.

The planets circle tightly around a dim dwarf star called Trappist-1, barely the size of Jupiter. Three are in the so-called habitable zone, the area around a star where water and, possibly life, might exist. The others are right on the doorstep.

Scientists said they need to



An artist's conception of what the surface of the exoplanet TRAPPIST-1f may look like, based on data about its diameter, mass and distances from the host star. NASA/JPL-CALTECH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

study the atmospheres before determining whether these rocky, terrestrial planets could support some sort of life. But it already shows just how many Earth-size planets could be out there — especially in a star's sweet spot, ripe for extraterrestrial life. The more planets like this, the greater the potential of finding one that's truly habitable. Until

now, only two or three Earth-size planets had been spotted around a star.

"We've made a crucial step toward finding if there is life out there," said the University of Cambridge's Amaury Triaud, one of the researchers.

The potential for more Earth-size planets in our Milky Way galaxy is mind-boggling. The history

of planet-searching shows "when there's one, there's more," said Massachusetts Institute of Technology astrophysicist Sara Seager.

"With this amazing system, we know that there must be many more potentially life-bearing worlds out there just waiting to be found," she said.

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U.S. ADMINISTRATION

Trump to lift trans bathroom guidance

The Trump administration will revoke federal guidelines that tell public schools to let transgender students use bathrooms and locker rooms matching their chosen gender identity, the White House said Wednesday.

The decision would be a reversal of an Obama-era directive advising public schools to grant bathroom access to students in line with their expressed gender identity and not necessarily the gender on their birth certificate.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said Wednesday that the previous administration's guidelines were confusing and hard to implement and that new directives would be issued later in the day. A government official with direct knowledge of the plans told The Associated Press that the Obama-era guidance would be rescinded, though anti-bullying safeguards would not be affected. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the plans and did so on condition of anonymity.

Although the Obama guidance carried no force of law,



“Certain issues like this are not best

dealt with at the federal level.

Sean Spicer

transgender rights advocates say it was necessary to protect students from discrimination. Opponents argued it was overreach and said it violated the safety and privacy of all other students.

Spicer said that the Departments of Justice and Education were working together on the new document.

"The president has made it clear throughout the campaign that he is a firm believer in states' rights," he said.

The Obama administration's guidance was based on its determination that the federal law prohibiting sex discrimination also applies to gender identity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Daesh identified the bomber as Abu Zakariya al-Britani. British officials confirmed the man was a Briton also known as Ronald Fiddler and Jamal al-Harith. NINAWA STATE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bomber was a prisoner at Guantanamo

IRAQ

Concerns over how Britain lost track after man's release

A suicide bomber who attacked a military base in Iraq this week was a former Guantanamo Bay detainee freed in 2004 after Britain lobbied for his release, raising questions about the ability of security services to track the whereabouts of potential terrorists.

Daesh identified the bomber as Abu Zakariya al-Britani, and two British security officials also confirmed the man was a 50-year-old Briton formerly known as Ronald Fiddler and as Jamal al-Harith.

He was one of 16 men paid a total of 10 million pounds (now worth \$12.4 million) in compensation in 2010, when the British government settled a lawsuit alleging its intelligence agencies were complicit in the torture of

prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, according to the officials.

Al-Harith was a web designer and convert to Islam when he set off on a visit to a religious retreat in Pakistan in October 2001.

He was detained at gunpoint near the border with Afghanistan and turned over to the Taliban. A couple of months later he was liberated by the Northern Alliance but was turned over to the Americans and sent to Guantanamo Bay. Like many others, he claims he was tortured there.

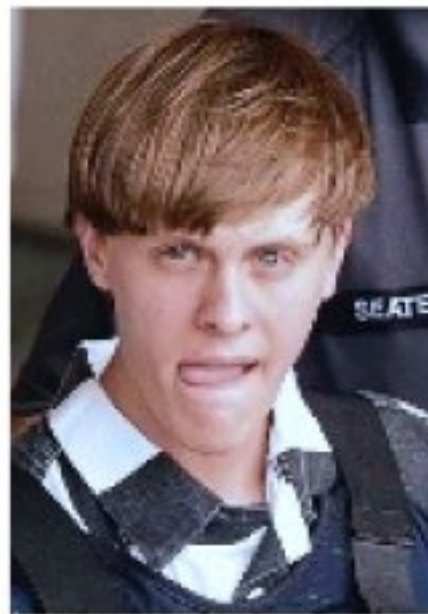
Al-Harith and 15 others had sued the British government, alleging it knew about or was complicit in their treatment.

Arthur Snell, a former head of the Prevent program, which is part of the Britain's counter terrorism strategy, said the authorities clearly had lost track of him.

"It's obvious that collectively, the authorities — and obviously I have some personal responsibility there — we failed to be aware of what Fiddler was up to," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH CAROLINA

Roof was on his way to another church



Dylann Roof THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The man convicted of killing nine worshippers during Bible study at a black church drove toward a second black church after the shootings, according to South Carolina prosecutors who oversaw the federal case against him.

In court documents unsealed Tuesday, federal prosecutors said they had GPS evidence showing that Dylann Roof exited the interstate and drove toward a church in Summerville, about 30 miles from Charleston's Emanuel AME Church, after committing the June 2015 slayings. According to the government, Branch

AME Church also had a sign that advertised a Wednesday night Bible study.

Prosecutors said Roof, now 22, shut off his GPS device, something they say indicates he stopped the car.

None of these specific details were part of the case against Roof, who was sentenced to death last month. In December, a jury convicted him of 33 federal charges for killing nine people as they prayed at the end of a Bible study at the historic Charleston church known as Mother Emanuel.

During trial, prosecutors presented evidence showing

Roof had lists of other black churches in his car when he was arrested in Shelby, North Carolina. During a lengthy confession the day after the shootings, Roof told FBI agents he was too tired after the Emanuel killings to carry out any other violence.

State prosecutors are pursuing the death penalty against Roof for murder charges, but that trial was indefinitely postponed during his federal proceedings. Roof is also seeking a new federal trial, saying prosecutors didn't have jurisdiction to bring their case against him.

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GLOBAL DIGEST

Republicans avoiding stormy town halls

Republicans who benefited from rowdy town halls six years ago and harnessed a wave of discontent with Democrats to win seats in Congress are learning a hard lesson this week as they return home: The left is happy to return the favour.

Across the U.S., Democrats and their allies are spending this short congressional recess protesting elected Republican politicians who are avoiding the events that often turn into shouting matches. AP

Revised immigration order delayed until next week

The White House is pushing back the release of President Donald Trump's revamped refugee and immigration executive order until next week.

Trump had said his administration would unveil the new order this week, but a White House official says that has been delayed.

Trump's original order temporarily banning all entry from seven Muslim-majority nations and pausing the entire U.S. refugee program was blocked in the courts. AP

MALAYSIA

North Korea mocks poison plot claims



Kim Jong Nam ASSOCIATED PRESS

The two women suspected of fatally poisoning a scion of North Korea's ruling family were trained to coat their hands with toxic chemicals and then wipe them on his face, police in Malaysia said Wednesday, announcing they were seeking a North Korean diplomat in connection with the attack.

But the North Korean Embassy ridiculed the police account of Kim Jong Nam's death

at a Malaysian airport, demanding the immediate release of the two "innocent women."

If the toxins had been on their hands "then how is it possible that these female suspects could still be alive?" demanded a statement from North Korea's embassy in Kuala Lumpur. Police say the women — one of them Indonesian, the other Vietnamese — washed their hands soon after poisoning Kim,

the long estranged half brother of the North Korean ruler.

Earlier Wednesday, Inspector General of Police Khalid Abu Bakar told reporters that authorities are searching for two new North Korean suspects, the second secretary of North Korea's embassy in Kuala Lumpur and an employee of North Korea's state-owned airline, Air Koryo.

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PHILOSOPHER CAT by Jason Logan

CHANTAL HÉBERT ON POST-BUDGET BYELECTIONS



Only sure-things are up for grabs, but what's lost will be personal

Under the guise of the first large set of byelections since Justin Trudeau became prime minister, voters are about to turn a definitive corner on generational change on Parliament Hill.

The vote to take place on April 3 in the immediate aftermath of the federal budget in five ridings spread across Quebec, Ontario and Alberta will not — despite the hype — amount to a major test of the government or, for that matter, the Conservative official Opposition.

Three of the ridings at play are among the safest Liberal seats in the land. At the worst of times for the party, in 2011, the ridings all returned Liberal MPs with a relatively comfortable majority.

The other two are Conservative fortresses set in Alberta — the province that has been most resilient, according to the polls on voting intentions, to Trudeau's sunny ways.

If Trudeau failed to hold Ottawa-Vanier, Saint-Laurent and Markham-Thornhill on April 3, it would not be a leap to conclude that there is not a safe Liberal seat in the country. Ditto for the Conservatives in the case of Calgary

Midnapore and Calgary Heritage.

What makes this set of byelections special is not its probable non-impact on the make-up of the House of Commons but rather the big shoes that the incumbents are leaving behind for others to try to fill.

The April 3 vote marks the end of an era in more ways than one.

Stephen Harper initially came to the House of Commons as part of the contingent of Reform MPs that took the Hill by storm in 1993. He was the last of them to be elected — in Calgary Heritage — in 2015. In between, he did fulfil the core Reform promise to bring Alberta and Western Canada into the federal power loop. His constituents sent him off in style, with almost two-thirds of the votes cast in the riding in the last election.

Of the Quebec federal ministers who stared down into the post-referendum abyss Stéphane Dion was the last to still hold a seat.

On his first day as Jean Chrétien's post-referendum point minister, shortly after the 1995 referendum, Dion had said he was coming to Ottawa to change the reality of the country. Suffice it to say

that, as the voters of Saint-Laurent get set to replace him, there has not been at the cabinet table a so-called unity minister for more than a decade. With Dion gone, that sweater may have to be retired.

Jason Kenney and John McCallum both made a mark, in different ways, as immigration ministers.

The first brought Canada's ethnically diverse communities inside the federal party's tent in a way that no other Conservative had in the past. Based on the fear-mongering undertone of the ongoing federal leadership campaign, it may take more than a new Conservative MP for the riding of Calgary-Midnapore to preserve that legacy.

McCallum presided over the execution of Justin Trudeau's signature promise to bring in more Syrian refugees. From his new diplomatic perch in Beijing, he will get to see whether that initiative marked the end of a more innocent age or the opposite. By moving on now, he may well have dodged a major refugee crisis.

As MP for Ottawa-Vanier Mauril Bélanger was very much the voice of Ontario's

francophone community in Parliament, and it is a mantle he wore with grace.

The Liberals would like to give the Conservatives a bit of a run for their money in Calgary. They have an embarrassment of riches when it comes to potential candidates in Saint-Laurent but also a potential embarrassment to resolve.

Yolande James — Quebec's former immigration minister — is one of three candidates vying to run for the Liberals in Dion's riding. In her previous political incarnation, she twice supported the decision to deny access to French-language courses to a woman who insisted on wearing a niqab to class. That could put her on a collision course with Trudeau on a defining issue for the prime minister.

The NDP ran a distant second or third in all five ridings. It does not really have a dog in this fight. Things will be different if outgoing NDP leader Thomas Mulcair ever puts the riding of Outremont in play by deciding to not serve a full term as MP.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

'60s Scoop pay back needs to get on track



Vicky Mochama
Metro

In a deserved act of justice, Sixties Scoop survivors won a \$1.3-billion class action against the federal government last week in an Ontario court. It's a relief to hear Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett say the government won't appeal the ruling.

But if the feds are really committed to truth and reconciliation, they must stand down the lawyers as the settlements are doled out.

Bennett's statement points to a relationship between Indigenous plaintiffs and the federal government that is still fraught.

This Sixties Scoop case was filed in 2009. Only in the week prior to the ruling did Ottawa announce a sudden shift: now, they were willing to negotiate the claims of Indigenous children who had been removed from their families and adopted into non-Indigenous homes.

On this abrupt shift in tactics, the minister told the House, "We are adversaries no more," and "negotiation rather than litigation is our government's preferred route to settle these differences and right historical wrongs."

What a surprise that must have been to the Sixties Scoop survivors who, as recently as December, had been in court while government lawyers argued that Canada had no "duty of care" for these Indigenous children.

Despite public claims towards working on a nation-to-nation approach, lawyers for

the Liberal government were continuing to defend against cases brought by Indigenous peoples.

Take the residential schools class action — the largest in Canadian history. The settlements, now over \$3 billion, provide for residential school survivors who experienced sexual and physical abuse. The agreement established the Independent Assessment Process, which was meant to provide a speedy out-of-court process for paying damages. Yet, lawyers for the government used the IAP to split hairs, leading to claims to be reduced or dismissed.

Despite a hard-fought agreement on residential schools, the government and its lawyers sought to shirk their responsibilities within it.

So while the Sixties Scoop ruling is a clear win for Indigenous people, it must be met with a government commitment to not penny-pinch, obfuscate or complicate.

That is a commitment that First Nations children have been waiting for. Over a year ago, the Human Rights Tribunal ruled that Ottawa was discriminating against First Nations kids by failing to provide equal welfare.

A year later, the case is back before the tribunal.

Canada has been very good at recording its systematic cruelty towards Indigenous people. And yet many have survived in spite of said cruelty.

After decades of forcing survivors to repeatedly relive traumas, it's time for the lawyers to step back and for the government to step up.

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Cracking code of a fortress of nostalgia

INTERVIEW

Jason Rekulak's writing debut dives back into '80s childhood

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



America's favourite letter-turner, Vanna White, nearly lost her golden-girl image when she appeared on the cover of the May 1987 issue of Playboy.

The racy photos were scandalous to many loyal Wheel of Fortune viewers, but for three hormonal teenage boys, getting hold of a copy of the coveted magazine turned into the setup for the biggest, most risky caper of their young lives.

No, that's not a premise from a long-lost John Hughes screenplay, but the opening to Jason Rekulak's debut novel, *The Impossible Fortress*, a geeky but sweet coming-of-age love story set in motion by the boys' desperate attempts to peek inside Playboy.

Billy — who is just as obsessed with programming crude video games on his Commodore 64 as he is with Vanna's nakedness — along with his pals, Clark and Alf, plan a heist that involves breaking into Zelinsky's convenience store to grab a copy of the magazine.

Billy is tasked with seducing Zelinsky's daughter, Mary, to get the store's security code, but as it turns out, she too is a whip-smart computer coder, and they become fast friends. The duo starts working together on the titular game, *The Impossible Fortress* (which is available to play on the website jasonrekulak.com), when Billy falls in love, and the lure of Vanna in lingerie begins to fade.

Rekulak doesn't consider himself a nostalgic guy, but was feeling so when he started writing *The Impossible Fortress*. After his father became ill, Rekulak returned to his hometown, on which the book's fictional location Wentbridge — referred to as the Armpit of New Jersey — was modelled. He was spending a lot of time at

the hospital with his dad, and while there, bought a notebook from the gift shop.

"I started writing down stories of all these people I was seeing under very unfortunate circumstances," he says. "Some of them were real and some were made up. Maybe it was a therapeutic exercise, but also proof you can write anywhere."

Like Billy, Rekulak was once a young self-taught programmer, but later switched his computer science major to English in second-year university.

It was writing video games that set Rekulak on the path to becoming an author, and to his current job as publisher of the Philadelphia press Quirk Books, where he's edited blockbusters like *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* and *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*.

"I wanted to build all these worlds and tell all these stories, but I was never really good at coding or actually programming stuff," Rekulak says. The graphics on the early games Rekulak built were so simple, he added screens and screens of text to build out the stories. "I'd write these long histories of these stick figures," he says. "It gave me this freedom and confidence to write on screen."

Rekulak — who is definitely a kid of the '80s — filled *The Impossible Fortress* with pop-culture gems from his own life, from Freddy Krueger to Mag-

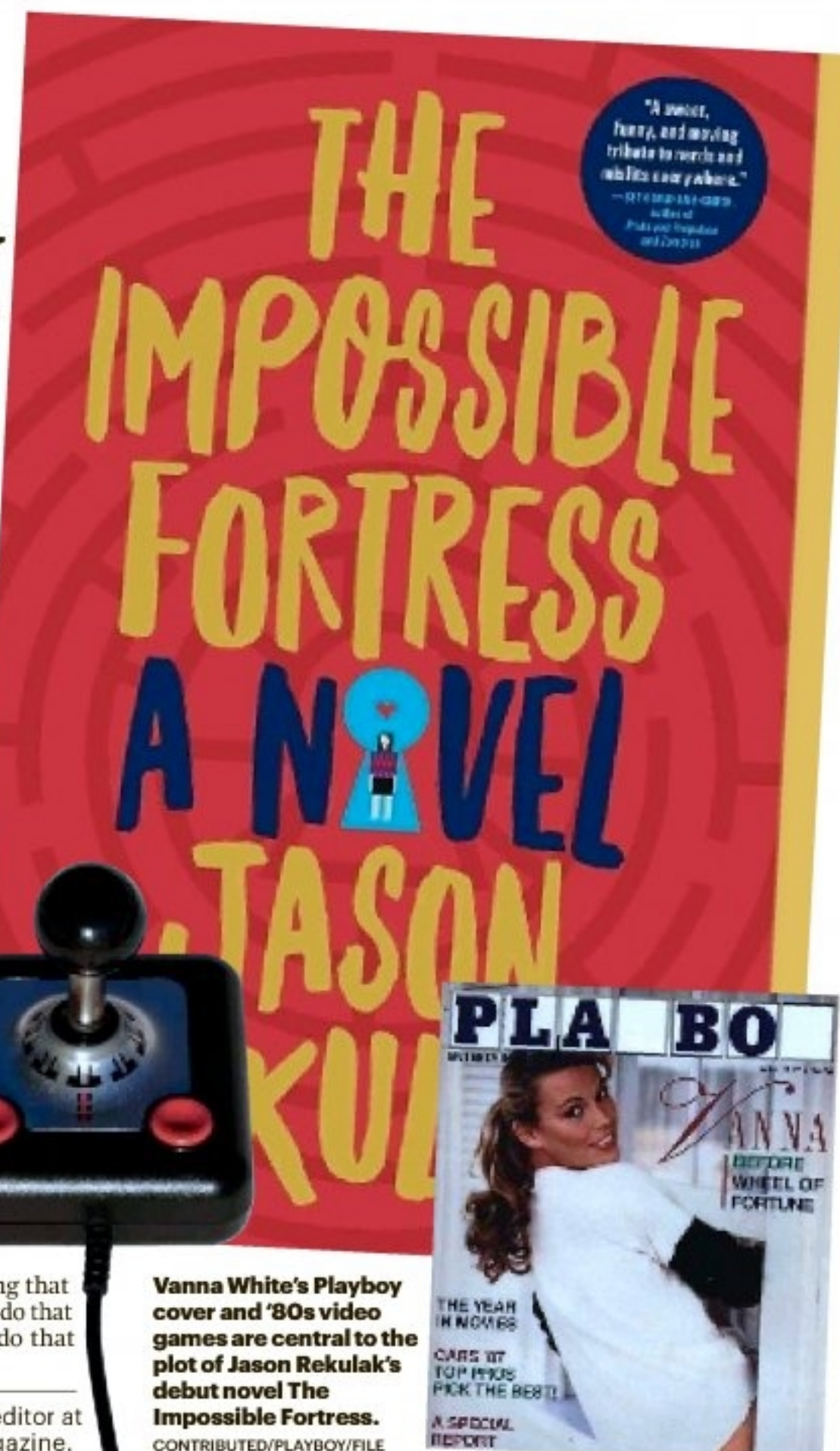
num P.I., but was never concerned about explaining the references to younger, millennial-aged readers, who have never dialled a rotary phone, or used a floppy disk.

It takes him back to his own teen years, reading Stephen King's 1982 novella, *The Body* (which became the 1986 movie *Stand By Me*). He recalls not understanding all of King's references to 1950s culture, yet it didn't hinder his enjoyment of the book.

In fact, he re-read it while working on *The Impossible Fortress*.

Rekulak says, "I was thinking that if Stephen King can do that for the '50s, I can do that for the '80s."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



Vanna White's Playboy cover and '80s video games are central to the plot of Jason Rekulak's debut novel *The Impossible Fortress*.
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Carrington Green Practices use low VOC paint and Low E Argon windows and four-piece energy-efficient appliances. There's underground, heated parking, balconies and exposed concrete detail for a sophisticated, contemporary look. In-suite finishes include an eating bar, laminate flooring and designer lighting, plus Taymor door hardware and stacking washer/dryer.

Location and transit

Tucked away near Terwillegar and Anthony Henday Drive, Elements has easy access to downtown, the University of Alberta and anywhere in the city. Transit is available along Windermere Boulevard, 170 Street SW and Terwillegar Drive. The location is also handy for reaching South Edmonton Common, the airport and southern points via nearby Highway 2.

In the neighbourhood

Windermere's high elevation allows for views of the North Saskatchewan River Valley. The area also boasts parks, paths and two country club/golf courses. There are schools, services, big box stores, dining, entertainment, boutiques and cafes close by. The area has enough maturity and new growth to satisfy residents at every age and stage of life. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

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DESIGN

Condo lobbies should create a first impression

While floor plans and amenities top the shopping list for condo buyers, each building has another unique calling card: the lobby.

"Lobbies are very important when you live vertically," says Jared Menkes, vice-president of highrise and residential development for Menkes Developments, the builders of Pears on the Avenue, a 20-storey condominium in Toronto's Yorkville neighbourhood.

"You don't have a front porch anymore, so the lobby becomes

that social environment for residents. It's where they meet and talk," Menkes says. "It's also the first impression people have when they visit the building. People want to impress their friends and family."

This duality was one of the principles that guided the building's designer, Alessandro Munge, principal and founder of Studio Munge. He created a welcoming and elegant lobby with a stunning focal point: a large, spiral stairway that leads to a gym overlooking the pool,

a party room, a theatre, a yoga room and an outdoor terrace.

"I wanted a freshness and a modernity that was timeless and warm, even though modern design is usually cold and sterile," Munge said. "If I wanted my home to feel like a gallery, I'd go to the AGO (Art Gallery of Ontario), but I want to come home to something different."

Munge believes lobbies play an important role in the lives of a building's residents.

"People in condominiums live in 500- to 1,200-square-foot

boxes and are confined to them," he said. "The public spaces are equally important to them, if not more so."

Brian Brown, vice-president of Lifetime Developments, the developer for The Bond, on Adelaide St. W, couldn't agree more.

"We want to feel that the lobby is inviting and welcoming, but it's also a high-traffic area, so the quality of the materials must be able to withstand the weather and traffic that goes through it," he said. "Generally speaking, we try to create some-

thing reflective of trends and styles, but still timeless so that the owners of the building won't need to revise it."

One of the lobby's notable features is a light pillar, which Brown said adds a meaningful vibe.

"It's a very cool, hip, young neighbourhood," Brown said. "It's very important to get the lobby correct and reflect the neighbourhood and who's living there. It establishes the quality of the building."

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A spiral stairway in the lobby at Pears. CONTRIBUTED

Defencemen carry Oilers' offensive load

NHL Edmonton ends Florida's five-game winning streak

Kris Russell scored the third goal of the night by Edmonton's defencemen with 7:58 left, lifting the Oilers over Florida 4-3 on Wednesday to snap the Panthers' five-game winning streak.

Russell's goal was his first since Feb. 11, 2016, when he played for Calgary. He went goalless in his first 48 games with the Oilers.

Fellow defencemen Oscar Klefbom and Eric Gryba also scored for Edmonton, as did forward Ryan Nugent-Hopkins. Connor McDavid, who went into the night leading the NHL scoring race, had an assist on Russell's goal.

Aleksander Barkov, Colton Sceviour and Jonathan Marchessault scored for Florida. Keith Yandle had two assists for the Panthers, giving him 400 points for his career.

Cam Talbot stopped 31 shots for the Oilers, who have won their last eight games at Florida — last losing on the Panthers' ice in 2002. James Reimer made 31 saves for the Panthers, who just completed a 5-0-0 road trip.

The Panthers trailed for 93 seconds on their five-game road



Oilers centre Connor McDavid and Panthers defenceman Keith Yandle battle for the puck on Wednesday night in Sunrise, Fla. LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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trip. They trailed for the final 14:42 of the first period alone in this one, after Klefbom's unassisted goal opened the scoring.

From there, the trend of

the night emerged: Edmonton would lead, and Florida would come back. It worked three times — but not a fourth.

Florida knotted the game on a power-play goal from Barkov 21 seconds into the second period. Gryba made it 2-1 midway through the second, only to have Sceviour answer five minutes later. And just when it seemed like Edmonton would take a 3-2 lead into the third period, the Oilers quickly gave

the advantage back.

Nugent-Hopkins' goal off a rebound with 1:01 left in the second gave Edmonton its third lead, but Matt Hendricks was whistled for holding five seconds later. And just as it did to start the period, Florida finished the second by cashing in on the man advantage with Marchessault scoring with four seconds left to send the teams into the final 20 minutes tied yet again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Burns has rare feat within his reach

Brent Burns has a chance to move into the rarefied air of legendary defenceman Bobby Orr.

The 31-year-old from Barrie, Ont., could become only the second defenceman to ever win the Art Ross trophy as the NHL's leading scorer, joining Orr who did it twice for the Boston Bruins — the last time in 1975.

With 64 points, Burns ranks third in the scoring race entering Wednesday's action, only three points back of Connor McDavid for the overall lead.

Burns is on pace for 37 goals and 88 points, totals that are practically unheard of for an NHL defenceman. Only two have ever hit both marks in the



Brent Burns
GETTY IMAGES

same season and they're both Hall of Famers from earlier eras — Orr and Paul Coffey did it three times each.

"What Burns's doing is great," said Ottawa captain Erik Karlsson, 12 points back of Burns with 52 this year. "It's good for the league. It's good for everybody. It shows that it's possible."

With 27 goals, Burns has more than the entire defence corps of 19 teams.

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CURLING

Homan books spot in Scotties playoffs

It took an extra end, but Rachel Homan's team was the first into the playoffs at the Canadian women's curling championship.

The Ottawa Curling Club foursome edged provincial rival Krista McCarville of Northern Ontario 7-6 to get to nine wins without a loss Wednesday.

Just three teams have gone undefeated in the preliminary round since the national women's curling championship became the Tournament of Hearts in 1982: Homan (2014), Jennifer Jones (2013), Linda Moore (1985).

"You keep playing as well



Rachel Homan
THE CANADIAN PRESS

as you can," Homan said. "No matter what our record is at the end, we just need to win out in playoffs and that's our goal."

Ontario concludes its round robin Thursday against Quebec's Eve Belisle (6-3) in the morning followed by a much-anticipated showdown with Manitoba's Michelle Englot (8-1) at night.

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No PGA status, no problem for Weir

GOLF

Canadian is feeling good again and can play Masters

With no status on the PGA Tour this year, Mike Weir spent Wednesday at a place filled with good memories — Augusta National Golf Club.

The 2003 Masters champion tried to qualify Monday for this week's Honda Classic in Florida but missed by five shots. He also tried last Monday to qualify for the PGA Tour's Genesis Open in Los Angeles. Again, he missed.

He headed to the storied layout in Augusta, Ga., for the first time in 2017 on Wednesday morning.

"Every time I get there, I love that place," Weir said Tuesday night. "It's always really special."

Having used both exemptions available to him because of his



Mike Weir is eligible to play the Masters because he is a former Champion at Augusta. GETTY IMAGES

place on the all-time money list — the 46-year-old currently sits 32nd with almost \$28 million in career winnings — Weir is left with few options to try to get into PGA Tour fields.

As a Masters champion, however, he receives a lifetime exemption into that tournament in April and can play the legend-

ary course as often as he wants.

"I don't have any status to play so in order to stay sharp I have to try to qualify," said Weir. "Going to Augusta to play some rounds and get ready for that event that I know I'm in will be good."

Unlike in years past when Weir has been battling injuries,

the native of Brights Grove, Ont., said he's feeling healthy now. It's living in the cold climate of Utah that has hampered his preparation, he said.

"Everything feels good, I haven't had any setbacks. I just haven't played a whole lot," he said. "I've tried some of these Monday qualifiers coming out of the cold in Utah, only hitting balls indoors. My body feels good right now though."

He is a two-time champion of the Genesis Open but his request for a sponsor's exemption into that tournament was declined, which is why he tried qualifying instead.

His long-time relationship with RBC has also ended, meaning it's up in the air if he will get into the RBC Heritage the week after the Masters. While the loss of sponsorship has meant blacking out the RBC logo on his golf bag, he will likely play in this summer's RBC Canadian Open, where he remains a fan favourite. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Pitches pulled from intentional walks

There won't be any wild pitches on intentional walks this season.

The players' association has agreed to Major League Baseball's proposal to have intentional walks without pitches this year. "It doesn't seem like that big of a deal. I'm OK with that," Cleveland manager Terry Francona said.

While the union has resisted many of MLB's proposed innova-

tions, such as raising the bottom of the strike zone, installing pitch clocks and limiting trips to the mound, players are willing to accept the intentional walk change.

"There are details, as part of that discussion, that are still being worked through, however," union head

Tony Clark wrote Wednesday in an email to The Associated Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

932

There were 932 intentional walks last year.

IN BRIEF

Davis, White won't defend Olympic ice dance gold

Meryl Davis and Charlie White won't be defending their Olympic ice dance gold medal in South Korea.

The Sochi champions haven't competed for three seasons, so their announcement Wednesday hardly was a surprise. Maia and Alex Shibutani, the two-time American champions will be their successors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pats coach Belichick could testify at Hernandez trial

New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick has been added to a list of people who could testify at the double murder trial of former player Aaron Hernandez.

Belichick's name is on a list of possible witnesses filed Tuesday by Hernandez's defence. Hernandez is charged with the murders of Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Super subs push Juventus past Porto

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Alves, Pjaca strike in 2nd half to send Italians to win

Two substitutes, two goals, one clever coach.

Struggling to break through 10-man FC Porto in the Champions League Round of 16 match, Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri resorted to two second-half substitutes who quickly scored as the Italian champions won 2-0 Wednesday.

Marko Pjaca and Dani Alves broke through with goals in the 72nd and 74th minutes of the first leg to give Juventus a

commanding advantage.

Porto had held out since Alex Telles was sent off in the 27th after two rash fouls.

Juventus hemmed Porto in its area and Pjaca scored five minutes after coming on.

Allegri then sent Alves on and he was even quicker in finding the net — two minutes after joining the game.

"We hit twice in quick succession when they got tired, exactly as Allegri told us to do," said Juventus midfielder Miralem Pjanic. "He kept telling us to stay calm and serene and wait for the right moment because it would certainly arrive."

Also Wednesday, Sevilla beat Leicester 2-1 in Spain with goals by Pablo Sarabia and Joaquin Correa in each half. Jamie Vardy

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struck late to give the English visitors a valuable away goal.

Porto's Telles was sent off after the left back cut down Stephan Lichtsteiner, just two minutes after a yellow card for his studs-first tackle on Juan Cuadrado's heel.

Porto manager Nuno Espirito Santo took off striker Andre Silva, who has scored five goals in the competition this season, and restructured his defence with Miguel Layun.

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Croatia's Marko Pjaca of Juventus celebrates his goal against in Porto, Portugal on Wednesday. MIGUEL RIOPA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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- Handful chopped fresh cilantro
- 8 corn tortillas
- jar of prepared salsa

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400. Toss sweet potato with olive oil and 1/2 tsp (2ml) salt. Spread on a lined baking sheet and bake 5 to 7 minutes. Toss and bake another 5 minutes, or until fork tender. Remove from oven and place in a bowl; set aside.

2. In a small bowl, dissolve sugar and salt in vinegar, add the onions; set aside.

3. In large skillet, cook beef over medium heat, breaking up with spoon, until browned, 10 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, blend spices and garlic. Stir into meat; cook another 2 minutes. Remove from heat and transfer half to a serving dish. Put other half in an airtight container and refrigerate. Place beef, sweet potato, red onion, cheese, cilantro, salsa and tortillas out for taco assembly.

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Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients

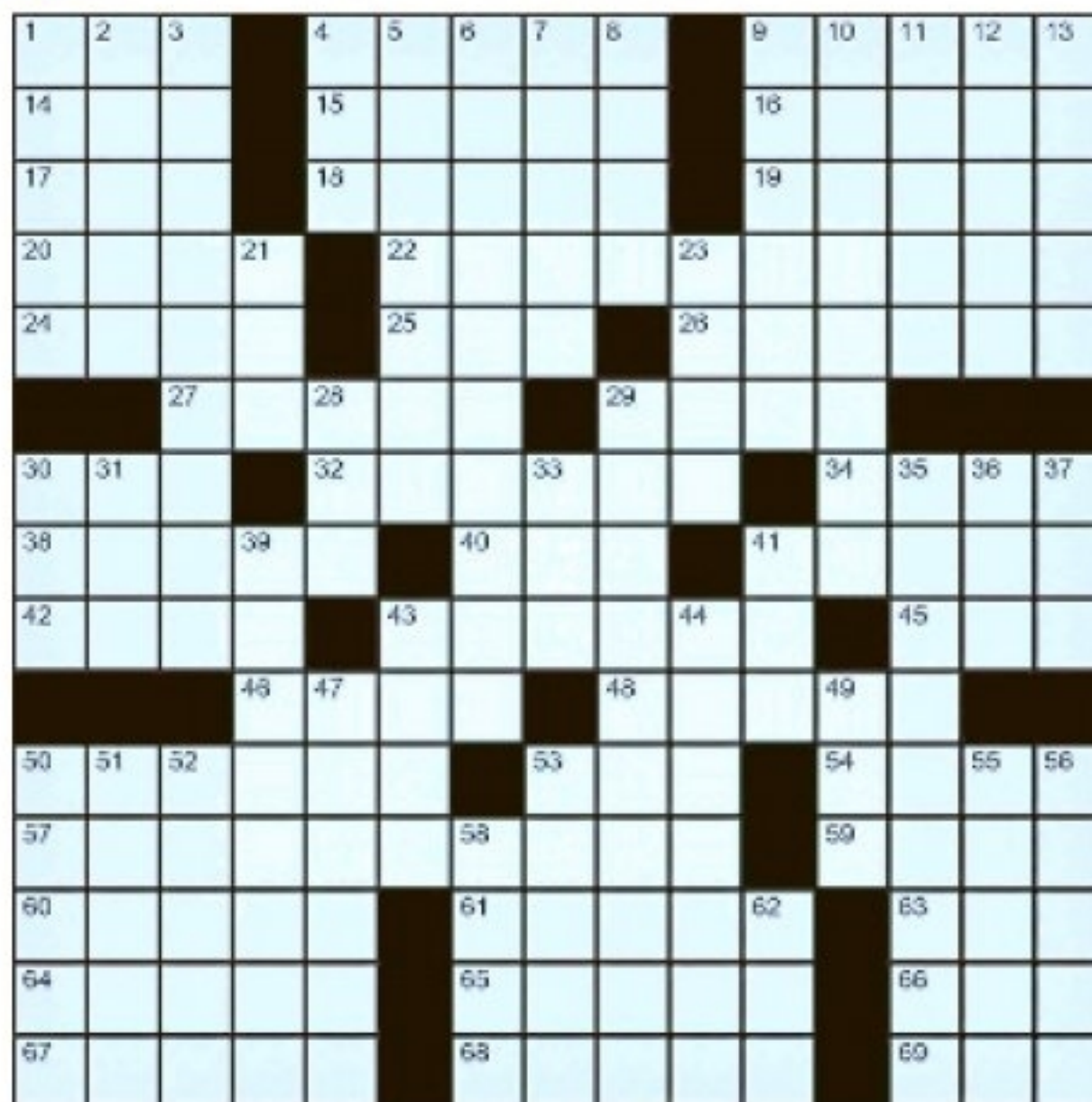
- 1 large sweet potato, diced into bite-size pieces
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 1/2 tsp (7.5 ml) salt, divided
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced and rinsed in very warm water
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) sugar
- pinch of salt
- 1/3 cup rice vinegar
- 2 lb. (900 g) organic lean ground beef
- 2 Tbsp (30 ml) chili powder
- 2 tsp (10 ml) ground cumin
- 1 tsp (5 ml) cinnamon
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
- 1 tsp (5 ml) pepper
- 2 tsp (10 ml) salt
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) shaved Monterey jack cheese

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. '___' for Zeballos
4. Looked with bewilderment
9. Not suitable
14. "___ had it!" (Enough!)
15. Range
16. More pallid
17. Fall mo.
18. Gawk
19. Show clemency
20. Steel shade
22. Saskatchewan village an hour and a half southeast of Regina
24. Since, to Robert Burns
25. Surgery sites, shortly
26. TomKat surname
27. Heidi author, Johanna ___ (b.1827 - d.1901)
29. Fill with food
30. Antagonist
32. Get by day to day: 2 wds.
34. Un-evens
38. One isn't the final version
40. 1990s "Plush" rock gr.
41. Poke around
42. Stand
43. Long river in British Columbia
45. "For what reason?"
46. Hurting
48. V-shaped fortification facing the foe
50. Retort to "Am not!": 2 wds.
53. Intl. clock standard
54. Stratford-___Avon
57. 'Amber' crop in West-



- ern Canada: 2 wds.
59. City commuter's cost
60. "The Wreck of the Mary ___" (1959)
61. "Let me take you on ___" - Depeche Mode, "World in My Eyes"
63. Needs-to-be-sewn spot

64. Bygone car
65. Walt Whitman poem, ___ the Body Electric
66. New Zealand parrot
67. Like a clarinetist's prop
68. Retro synthesizers

69. ___-inclusive

DOWN

1. Moves swiftly
2. Off-white
3. They 'run high' in Ian & Sylvia's "Four Strong Winds": 2 wds.
4. Natural ___

5. Sculpture, painting or ceramics
6. The blue above Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba: 2 wds.
7. Makes money
8. Tinted
9. Consequence
10. Elba's exile-ee

11. Strawberry ___ Clock (Psychedelic band)
12. As such: 2 wds.
13. Old shipping weight allowances
21. "That's right", quick-style
23. Broadway tune: "All ___ Jazz"
28. Hitherto
29. Nickname for Canadian hockey great Mr. Lemieux: 2 wds.
30. US Pres. monogram
31. Q. "Is the eighth letter 'H' ___ 'I'?" A. "It's 'H'."
33. 'Capri' suffix
35. Garment from Canada Goose: 2 wds.
36. Homer Simpson's word
37. Operative
39. Showcased
41. Unhappy
43. "That '70s ___"
44. Meshwork
47. Attractive
49. "___ Wiedersehen!"
50. Sort of viper, Puff ___
51. Montreal: Mountain Street = ___ la Montagne
52. Delete
53. "I ___ tired of working..." - Peter Gabriel, "In Your Eyes"
55. Oxford University college
56. Kathmandu is its capital
58. Corey of "The Lost Boys" (1987)
62. Some movie ratings

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Listen to someone older or more experienced today. This might be on a one-to-one basis, or this person might be in a group.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Discussions with bosses, parents and VIPs will be practical today. People will be hands-on about finding a solution. These talks will be worthwhile.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a good day to make detailed plans for future travel. Likewise, it's a good day to make educational plans. If you have to study or write anything, you will not overlook details.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Your efforts regarding inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt and other red-tape issues will produce results today. You are in a practical frame of mind and you have endurance.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone older might have advice for you today, or vice versa. Either way, today you are concerned with practical solutions that are doable. No pie-in-the-sky stuff.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a productive day for you because you are prepared to roll up your sleeves and get busy. You have an eye for detail, and you're not afraid of routine.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a good day to teach children. Likewise, it's an excellent day to practice a technique in music, sports or any art form, because you will have the patience to pay attention to detail.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Tackle major repair projects at home today. This also is a good day for family discussions. Listen to the advice of older family members.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have a patient, careful and detail-oriented mental attitude today. You won't mind routine work, because you just want to get the job done.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If shopping today, you will be interested in buying long-lasting, practical items only. No feather boas for you! You will use your money wisely (as you generally do).

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Look around yourself today with a critical eye to see what needs to be done or corrected. You will quickly ask, "What's wrong with this picture?" You also might be a teacher to someone today.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a wonderful day for research, because you are in the right frame of mind to wade through a myriad of details. You won't overlook anything.

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